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Honorable Angela T. Jones Honorable Darlene D. Heep Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Office of Administrative Judge 801 Market Street, Suite 4063 Philadelphia, PA 19107

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Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission v Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. Docket No. R2011-2267958

Dear Judge Jones and Judge Heep:

I am providing 2 copies of my objection of the order to hold Evidentiary Hearings in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

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As evidenced by the attached Certificate of Service, copies are being served on all active parties of record.

Sincerely,

Robert Curtius

Enclosure: Certificate of Service Cc: The Honorable Edwin B. Erickson The Honorable Margo L Davidson

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLAVNA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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DOCKET NO. R-2011-2267958

AQUA PENNSYLVANIA, INC

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Objection of ROBERT CURTIUS

Public Utility Commission Philadelphia Office Administrative Law Judge

Subject: Objection of Prehearing Conference Ruling:

I object to the Prehearing Conference Ruling on January 30, 2012 that Evidentiary Hearings would be located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania rather than Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This decision failed to address the financial impact on al. of the active parties in these proceedings.

The effect of this ruling is to deny Robert Curtius, an Active Party to these hearings, the opportunity to participate and cross-examine witnesses.

Therefore, I am requesting that the following be considered, and that the hearings be held in your offices at 801 Market Street in Philadelphia.

The decision at the prehearing conference revolved around what group of Pennsylvania State employees would travel from their hometown to a two-hour distant city for a period of at least 3 days. I stated that I do not have the budget to attend meetings out of the area. Others, all employees of the State in Harrisburg, argued that their agency budgets were getting low on travel funds. I note that all of the active parties who have offices in Harrisburg are paid state employees, and their salaries, travel, food and lodging would all be paid by the state. Similarly active party state employees in Philadelphia would receive their salaries, travel, food and lodging at the state's expense. You stated your position that in fairness you feel that the hearings should be in Philadelphia one year and in Harrisburg the next year. This failed to address the fact that two of the eight active parties in this hearing are residents of the Philadelphia-metropolitan area and that they receive no funding from the state or anyone else. I believe that participation in these hearings is necessary to the settlement of issues. Aqua PA Inc. was silent on this matter, however they receive service in Philadelphia and would travel to Harrisburg at Aqua's expense. These expenses for salaries, travel, food and lodging are a cost to the company and would be passed on to customers in higher rates.

The majority of Aqua customers live in the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area and would bear the majority of any rate increase. Few customers live in the Harrisburg Metropolitan Area.

I have expended considerable time and personal funds to assist the state in these proceedings and would appreciate the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's efforts to keep costs within reason.

For all of the above reasons, I object to Your Honomble Jones' ruling and request the hearings be held on the same dates at your Philadelphia location. Please advise.

Sincerely.

Robert Curtius

Dated: February 2, 2012

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Re: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. Docket No. R-2011-2267958

I hereby certify that copies of the enclosed Objection is being served, a true copy of these documents, upon the active parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code 1.54 (relating to service by a participant) in a manner and upon the persons listed below.

Dated this 2ed day of February, 2012.

Service by first class mail, postage prepaid.

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